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(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No. Sir. Christian converts from Backward and Most Backward Classes are treated as non-backward for purposes of admission to all educational institutions as it is considered that they are not in need of the protection offered by the reservation.

* 17 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether seats reserved in the Medical and Engineering Colleges for the students who have returned to India from Ceylon have been filled in 1957–58 and 1958–59?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : One seat was reserved for the Pre-Professional course leading to the M.B.B.S. degree during 1958–59 and this was filled up. No such reservation was made in 1957–58. As regards Engineering Colleges, two seats were reserved during each of the years 1957–58 and 1958–59 but there were no applications.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know how they were filled up? Who were filled up in those vacancies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : They have gone back to the general pool.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : May I know whether there is any reciprocal system obtaining in Ceylon of giving seats to students of Madras State if they happen to seek admission in that island?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I may ask the hon. Member to look into the question. This is with reference to students who had returned to India from Ceylon. These are Indian nationals who had returned to India. I do not think any reciprocal arrangement could arise from this.

Nursery schools in Tamil medium

* 24 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to open nursery schools with Tamil as medium of instruction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Are there any nursery schools run by private bodies wherein the medium of instruction is Tamil and for which Government are giving aid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information here.

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